(c) whether talks have been held with Government of Nepal with regard to construction of this project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) Joint survey and investigations of Pancheshwar Project have been completed except some confirmatory geo-physical tests required on the Nepal bank at Rupaligad (alternative) site for re-regulating structure.

Some contentious issues, like (i) apportionment of cost between power and irrigation and between India and Nepal; (ii) installation capacity and unit size and assessment of power benefits; and (iii) water availability downstream of Pancheshwar, etc. are also pending for final decision with Government of Nepal. Thereafter, talks would be held on construction of the Project with Government of Nepal. No discussions could be held with Nepal since December, 2004 due to internal situation in Nepal.

Irrigation projects during Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plan

2476. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Centrally assisted major/medium irrigation projects which commenced during the Ninth and Tenth Five Year Plans are still incomplete;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Project-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether the work on the construction of the said projects has so far been reviewed;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof alongwith future road map for completion of remaining projects and new projects to be taken up during Eleventh Five Year Plan period; and

(e) the Central Loan Assistance/Grants provided by the Central Government to States during last three years, State-wise and Project-wise, particularly in Rajasthan and Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) So far Central Assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) has been provided to 253 major/medium projects/ project components. Of these, 177 projects were taken up under AIBP during Ninth and Tenth Plan. So far, 91 projects/project components have been completed which includes 61 projects of Ninth and Tenth Plan.

(b) Project-wise and State-wise details of irrigation projects under AIBP during Ninth and Tenth Plan are give in the Annexure.

[*See* Appendix 213 Annexure No. 8]

(c) As per existing procedure, all the major and medium projects under AIBP are monitored by the Central Water Commission by paying field visits twice a year which is to be followed up by the submission of Monitoring Report to the Ministry of Water Resources and other concerned offices including Water Resources/Irrigation Department of the State Governments. Periodic Reviews have also been taken from time to time by the Ministry of Water Resources with the State Governments.

(d) On the basis of reviews and monitoring done from time to time, the Ministry of Water Resources has initiated several measures to expedite completion of ongoing irrigation projects under AIBP which include vigorous monitoring the projects, linking utilization of Central Assistance to physical achievements in terms of potential creation, release of grants based on Memorandum of Understanding and Utilization Certificates, taking up new projects only against completion of one ongoing project etc. These measures have resulted in record potential creation under AIBP of 9.37 lakh ha. during 2006-07.

The projects to be included in AIBP in the Eleventh Plan are ongoing projects under AIBP spilling over from tenth plan, ongoing and new projects of the Prime Minister's Relief Package for agrarian distressed districts, projects benefiting drought prone/tribal areas, projects benefiting States having irrigation development below National Average and new projects based on 1:1 criteria.

(e) A Statement indicating State-wise names of the ongoing AIBP projects, year of inclusion in AIBP, present status of completion, anticipated date of completion, Central Assistance provided during 2005-06 up to 31st March 2008, targeted potential under AIBP and potential created up to March 2007 is given in the enclosed Statement.

Dam on Valvanti river in Maharashtra

2477. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra is building a dam on a river by name Valvanti, in Virdi village in Maharashtra;

(b) whether the river flows from Karnataka and then to Maharashtra and Goa;

(c) whether the State Governments of Maharashtra and Goa have held talks in the matter of distributions of water for irrigation, which will be available on account of the project; and

(d) the details as regards the cost of the project area proposed to be brought under irrigation, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Maharashtra has informed that the major irrigation dam is no Kattika nalla Near Virdi village in Maharashtra.

(b) As informed by the Government of Maharashtra, this nalla flows in Maharashtra only. The confluence of Kattika nalla and Halater nalla is on downstream of dam site, which flows from Karnataka and then Maharashtra and Goa. The confluence of Halater nalla and Costi nalla is in Goa. After confluence river is named as Valvot river in Goa.

(c) Yes Sir. Both the State Chief Ministers held meeting on 26.4.2006 and Chief Minister of Goa has given clearance for the project. Proposed water utilization by Maharashtra is reported to be less than the water share of State of Maharashtra.

(d) The cost of the project is Rs. 4368.17 lakhs and proposed area under irrigation is 1345 hectares.

Sardar Sarovar Project

†2478. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount provided by Government for rehabilitation of people displaced by Sardar Sarovar Project;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.